

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-21, 23 and 24 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claims 11 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 2, 10, 14 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The Office Action dated April 17, 2008, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, it was indicated that claims 12 and 24 were allowed and that claims 2-7, 11, 14-21 and 23 were objected to but would be allowable if amended to include the limitations of their base claims. Claims 1, 8-10, 13 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gregson.

By the above amendment, the objectionable claims or the claims from which they depend have been revised to make all claims allowable. Specifically, the limitations of claim 2 have been added to claim 1, and claim 2 has been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment places claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-9 in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, thereby placing that claim in condition for allowance. Claim 12 is allowed. The limitations of claim 14 have been added to claim 13, and claim 14 has been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment places claim 13 and its dependent claims 15-21 in condition for allowance. Claim 23 has been rewritten in independent form thereby placing this claim in condition for allowance. Claim 24 is allowed.

CONCLUSION


Each issue raised in the Office Action dated April 17, 2008, has been addressed, and it is believed that claims 1, 3-9, 11-13, 15-21, 23 and 24 are in condition for

allowance'. Wherefore, allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited. If the examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number listed below.

Deposit Account Authorization

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 50-3828 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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